

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 987

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 8800 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 987, as introduced, Ma. Vehicles: registration.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend, cancel, or revoke the registration of a vehicle or a certificate of ownership, registration card, license plate, or permit under specified circumstances, including, among other things, when the department determines that a registered vehicle is mechanically unfit or unsafe to be operated or moved upon the highways.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8800 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:
3 8800. (a) The department may suspend, cancel, or revoke the
4 registration of a vehicle or a certificate of ownership, registration
5 card, license plate, or permit under any of the following
6 circumstances:

1 (1) When the department is satisfied that the registration or the
2 certificate, card, plate, or permit was fraudulently obtained or
3 erroneously issued.

4 (2) When the department determines that a registered vehicle
5 is mechanically unfit or unsafe to be operated or moved upon the
6 highways.

7 (3) When a registered vehicle has been dismantled or wrecked.

8 (4) When the department determines that the required fee has
9 not been paid and the same is not paid upon reasonable notice and
10 demand.

11 (5) When a registration card, license plate, or permit is
12 knowingly displayed upon a vehicle other than the one for which
13 *it was* issued.

14 (6) When the registration could have been refused when last
15 issued or renewed.

16 (7) When the department determines that the owner or legal
17 owner has committed an offense under Sections 20 (with respect
18 to an application for the registration of a vehicle), 4000, 4159 to
19 4163, inclusive, 4454, 4456, 4461, 4463, 5202, 10750, and 10751,
20 involving the registration or the certificate, card, plate, or permit
21 to be suspended, canceled, or revoked.

22 (8) When the department is ~~so~~ authorized pursuant to any other
23 provision of law.

24 (b) The department may suspend the registration of all vehicles
25 registered in the name of a person, under any of the following
26 circumstances:

27 (1) When the United States Secretary of the Department of
28 Transportation or his or her designee issues a lawful out-of-service
29 order pursuant to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

30 (2) When the department suspends or revokes a motor carrier
31 of property permit.

32 (3) When the Public Utilities Commission suspends or revokes
33 operating authority or private registration.

34 (c) A suspension imposed pursuant to subdivision (b) shall
35 remain in effect and a vehicle for which registration has been
36 suspended shall not be registered in the name of the person until
37 the department verifies that person's federal registration, federal

- 1 operating authority, California operating authority, California
- 2 private registration, or motor carrier of property permit is reissued.

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